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THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL HELP

Just now when Murphy is bidding strongly for the public eye, it seems that an active interest in the several phases of beautifying and making more attractive the town of Murphy should meet with the approval of the people and gain their support.

The Town council, it appears, will be greatly interested in its next session to discuss the possibilities of having historic old Fort Butler across the river built into a fine public park, and repair the road leading into it.

Even many people who have lived here for years have failed to take a drive over to the Fort, and many could not give its location. It offers a beautiful view of Murphy and the Valley and could be used to great advantage for picnics, social gatherings and a children's playground.

Possibly with a small addition of local funds, the WPA or some similar organization could be prevailed upon to lend their help in this matter. Certainly no work they can do would be of any more beneficial and permanent help to Murphy than that.

Travellers, it should be remembered, love historic places. Generally speaking they will go a mile to see a field where General Washington threw down his hat rather than look around the corner at the prize court house.

The Fort, then, seems to be a natural drawing card and MARKS THE ONLY SPOT OF ITS KIND IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA—a good advertising point.

Then comes the program to completely beautify the town.

Several efforts have been made in the past to hold a successful "clean-up" week, but through lack of cooperation they failed.

Since the TVA has regular paid employees in community beautification, and this town falls in among their list of those receiving the Authority's benefits, it is assumed that his services could be secured free.

Besides a community-planned beautification drive means more than "old-home-clean-up-week". It means the job would be done thoroughly, permanently and as reasonably as possible.

Of course if a land owner does not care to clean up his vacant lot there is nothing, sadly, that can be done about it. But the town could so thoroughly do the job that said landowner would become so ashamed of himself that he would make improvements in self defense.

Too few living here now, we often feel, really are conscious of the beauty of Murphy. One man pointed up the street from the Regal hotel the other day and said he could remember when everyone of the beautiful maples, lining its either side, were planted. Others tell us they can remember when there were no paved streets and traffic was done in carts.

The change is gradual and easy. It takes the visitor to remind us that "Murphy is really one of the most beautiful and peaceful of towns".

To satisfy those who want to live here and those that are living here it must be kept that way.

Murphy, it appears to us, is a typical American village of 1936. Its streets are paved. Ninety per cent of its buildings are kept in fine, attractive repair. The streets are well-lighted and there are no cumbersome wires dangling in the air.

Most homes have well planned and well-kept gardens and lawns. And the people are really proud of it. Community spirit must keep it that way.

Next we feel that every effort must be made to keep our schools large enough to provide for its record enrollment.

Every citizen should lend his cooperation to Dr. J. N. Hill, chairman of the local school board, in raising some \$30,000 to make the local school ADEQUATE IN SIZE TO CARE FOR ALL THE CHILDREN.

No teacher nor pupil can do their best work in crowded, stuffy and dark classrooms. They must have air and light and plenty of room to study and think.

It has been proven by recent psychological experiments that children in modern comfortable surroundings not only do twice as much work twice as well, but actually take more interest in their work than do those in less fortunate surroundings.

Much has been done for the safety of the school children of Murphy. Now the interest should be turned to making them comfortable and happy in the school and providing safe recreation for them.

By all means the school room should not be forgotten.

Of interest to the more athletically-minded citizens should be the recent movement to enlarge and improve the golf course at the former Midway lake.

Golf has its following and can not be denied.

To many of those who have never tried the game or had any reason to become interested in it, the idea of driving a ball out into yon pasture and then following it just for the fun of swatting it again remains colorless and seemingly has no sense to it.

But golf, like many other things, is like that.

Once you try it, you seldom ever give it up.

And golf is strictly a game for the men and women of means. Most of them would rather miss their breakfast regularly than miss their 18 holes of golf.

So it goes. These and other things that are going to be required by the new comers and the coming generation can, but should not be, denied. It would be a wise thing to provide for their needs now.

Another requisite, of possibly less importance, will be the establishment and maintenance of an airport or landing field somewhere in the close vicinity. Already one group of men are at work on this, and its realization is expected soon.

As all would suppose air traffic avoids the mountains of the proportions of those of Western North Carolina for the simple reason they must land occasionally.

What with the dam and one thing and another it would be hard to imagine the amount of air traffic there would be around Murphy if a landing fields of adequate proportions were provided.

AUTOCRATS AND AUTOS

Recently a striking comparison was made between the United States and the three greatest countries now under the rule of dictators, in a statement by Stanley F. Morse of the Farmers' Independence Council of America who declared that while this country had an automobile for every 5 persons there was only one for every 68 persons in Germany, one for every 109 persons in Italy, and one for every 921 persons in Russia.

Mr. Morse pointed out that if the radicals succeed in making over America only a chosen few will benefit, as is illustrated in Russia, where out of more than 150 million people only about a million and a half are members of the dominant Communist party, and the country is ruled by a committee of 27 men. This committee is ruled by the dictator, Joseph Stalin, whose power is virtually absolute.

A similar condition exists in both Germany and Italy, where Hitler and Mussolini, respectively, hold autocratic power and Mr. Morse fears the United States is drifting toward a like concentration of authority in Washington.

Many thoughtful and patriotic citizens in both political parties share this apprehension, and view with misgivings the extension of bureaucratic activities by the national government.

If the experience of other countries is worth consideration, it appears that with autocrats in control we may have fewer automobiles, and fewer comforts and conveniences for the average family. Our form of government is the best ever yet devised by man, and we should guard against any radical attempts to change the fundamental principles upon which it was founded, and under which equality of opportunity has been open to all.

QUACKS AND SUCKERS

The ease with which charlatans of all kinds, particularly medical quacks, defraud the public would be incredible were it not for the evidences to be seen on every hand. A few of the schemes whereby the gullible and superstitious have been separated from their money by these swindlers are mentioned in an article by Dr. Morris Fishbein.

Soon after Franklin made his famous kite demonstration in electricity everyone was discussing the wonderful new force. A doctor named Elisha Perkins manufactured a lot of short metal rods which he claimed were charged with electricity and therefore capable of drawing disease from the human body. He sold many of the rods—one pair to George Washington.

We read: "A skeleton—with a cigar in its jaws and a whiskey bottle by its side—is being used as a warning to speedy drivers at a dangerous curve near Marysville, Cal. The skeleton is seated in a wrecked car".

One only comment—"Complete".

TURNING BACK HISTORY'S PAGES

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 27, 1926
Mr. A. J. Martin is in Douglas, Ga. Little Miss Grace Parker is the guest of relatives in Hickory.
Miss Hettie Kate Akin returned to Lumberton, Tuesday.
Mr. Will Haralson, of Atlanta, Ga. spent part of last week with his sister Mrs. L. E. Mauney.
Mr. and Mrs. George Leatherwood and children of Lemon, City Fla., are visiting relatives in this section.
Mrs. Frank Tate and children, of Ducktown, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Green.
Master Richard Mauney returned Monday night from a visit with relatives in Knoxville.
Mrs. Edith Clark, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Alexander and Mr. Buddy Clark of Asheville were week-end guests of Mrs. Nettie Dickey.
Mrs. A. L. Simonds and daughter, Miss Bertha, are visiting their son and brother, Mr. A. L. Simonds and wife this week.

22 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 28, 1914.
John E. Posey and family visited on Peachtree Sunday.
Mark King, Jr., of Copperhill, motored over to our city Sunday.
Miss Cullie Marsh, of Charlotte, is visiting her uncle, A. B. Gillispie.
B. M. Harbin, of Tomotla, was a pleasant caller at the Scout office Friday.
Miss Minnie Ferguson, of Peachtree left this week for Stem, where she will teach school for ensuing eight months.
Alfred Morgan returned Saturday from a week's camping trip to Tellico River.
Miss Hattie Axley left Wednesday morning for Asheville where she has accepted a position with the Piedmont Electric Co.
Mrs. J. J. Clarke and daughter returned to their home in Asheville Tuesday morning after two week's pleasant visit to the former's mother, Mrs. Nettie Dickey.
Mrs. R. E. Howe who has been spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cunningham of Ballew, has returned to her home at

Desoto, Ga.
Dr. N. B. Adams made a visit to Knoxville this week.
Mrs. T. H. Wetmore is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nettie Dickey.

30 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, August 28, 1906.
E. B. Norvell went to Asheville Saturday on legal business.
Master Harold Hawkins of Marietta, Ga., has been visiting Master Porter Fain.
Leonard Palmer and sister, Miss Maybell, are visiting relatives at Franklin.
Mr. and Mrs. John Ford have returned and are at the home to their friends at Mrs. Rose Patton's.
W. N. Lovingood of Andrews, was here Thursday.
Ernest and Willoughby Whitecomb of Ogleeta, were here Friday.
C. C. Matherson and wife, of Top-ton are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Norton.
Rev. Taylor and Alfred Morgan returned Friday from a short trip to Bushnel and Andrews.

43 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, August 29, 1893.
Miss Belle Patton is at Hayesville for a week.
Capt. R. L. Porter, of Franklin, spent a few days in town the past week.
N. N. Hyatt, of Marble, was in the city Friday.
W. H. Haralson, of Augusta, Ga., paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. L. E. Mauney.
Prof. J. L. Rogers and A. M. Bryant, of Patrick, were in town Saturday.
Gov. John Reid, of Valleystown, was in the city last Thursday.
Mr. Samuel Hogsed and son, J. L., and daughter, Miss Lou returned last Sunday evening from a trip out West.

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